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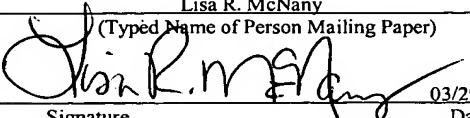
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Pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the Applicants hereby submit this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), together with a completed Form PTO/SB/08a and a copy of each non-U.S. Patent reference cited therein. The cited U.S. patents are not enclosed pursuant to the waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003.

This application is the U.S. national phase application of PCT Application Number PCT/EP04/03269, filed March 26, 2004. DE 25 16 349; EP 0 062 179; and WO 03/106558 identified on Form PTO/SB/08a were cited in an International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP)/Written Opinion, dated March 2, 2006 and/or in an International Search Report (ISR) dated August 9, 2004 in the underlying PCT Application. U.S. 4,081,426 and U.S. 4,430,380 submitted herewith are English-language equivalents to DE 25 16 349 and EP 0 062 179, respectively. A copy of the IPRP/Written Opinion is provided herewith. The claims in the present invention are substantially similar to the claims filed in the PCT application and it should

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be noted that the Written Opinion states that claims 1-23 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4) for novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability. A copy of the ISR is not being submitted with this IDS as it was received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in the Notice of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and 37 CFR § 1.494 or § 1.495, dated November 30, 2006.

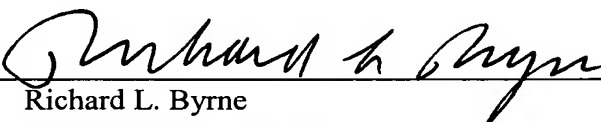
CH 542 893; DE 38 28 793; DE 41 29 326; and DE 10 117 544 are relevant for the reasons specified in their corresponding English-language abstracts which are provided herewith. DE 27 26 617 is relevant for the reasons indicated in US 4,174,310 which is submitted herewith as its English-language equivalent.

DE 25 16 349; US 4,425,466; and BE 623 888 are cited on page 1 of the specification and are relevant for the reasons identified therein.

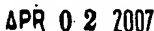
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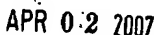
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